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1. The Office for Technical and Scientific Cooperation with the Peoples' Democracies (TWZ) was formerly a department of the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFT). It was made directly subordinate to the State Planning Commission as of 1 June 1955.
2. The responsible official for the work of the office is Erwin Kerber.¹ Bernd Weinberger has been appointed head of the office, which is divided into the following sections:
 - a. Area Section, USSR
 - b. Area Section, Central Europe (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary)
 - c. Area Section, Eastern and Southeast Europe (including China, Korea, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania)
 - d. Section for Plans and Coordination
 - e. Section for Cadre, Mail, and Finance.
 - f. Liaison with Council for Mutual Economic Aid in Moscow (CEMA).

There are also four other employees of the office who work in the Leipziger-Strasse, and act as a liaison between the Office for Technical and Scientific Cooperation and the Government Commission for Economic Cooperation.

3. The office makes possible the exchange of production experience and aids in the further development of industry and agriculture of the different countries concerned. In order to do this, permanent commissions have been set up with the countries listed above for technical and scientific cooperation, in each of which there are two sections, one German and one from the partner country. The sections exchange subject papers twice a year and make decisions on the possibilities of carrying out the suggested projects. After any such decision, the following measures may be taken:
- a. Consultation of specialists in the partner countries, on production of plans, technical details, and formulae.

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- b. Dispatch of specialists to the partner countries to give advice on the spot.
 - c. Training of specialists in certain methods of work.
 - d. Experiments with given material
4. For the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 years, the requests of the partner countries have not been fulfilled 100%. When this failure led to a decrease in exports, a refusal to complete the contract followed. The USSR, China, and Korea have been excluded from this ruling. Controversial questions caused by this ruling are discussed by a standing production committee composed of representatives from East Germany and Peoples' Democracies.
5. Six meetings have so far taken place with Hungary. Because Hungary was an agricultural country in 1945 and only developed industrially on Moscow's order, the greater part of the Hungarian requests have had to do with heavy industry and machinery. The chief problems have been, for example, the planning of chemical work, improvement of coal mines, peat, and oil industries. No plans were offered for the improvement of the steel industry because these were probably provided by Czechoslovakia, and, in the end, by the USSR.
6. East Germany has provided plans for the chemical industry, transport, and telecommunications. There has also been a large exchange of agricultural experience.
7. The area sections prepare for the semi-annual meetings and work out the procedure for enforcing the decisions made. As many as 20 different subjects may be discussed at these meetings. The project is developed in liaison with the ministries which provide the industrial enterprises with the plans. The Ministry of Heavy Industry has a centralized bureau of technical and scientific cooperation. In the other ministries, there are only single representatives of the Office for Technical and Scientific Cooperation who deal with such questions.
8. The following number of meetings have taken place as of 30 July 1955:

USSR	3 meetings
Czechoslovakia	5 "
Poland	13 "
Hungary	6 "
Rumania	5 "
Bulgaria	4 "
Albania	4 "
China	1 "
Korea	1 "

9. Personnel of the Office of Technical and Scientific Cooperation:²

a. Chief of Office Weinberger, Bernd

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b. USSR Section Chief Pech, Helfried

c. Central Europe Chief ,Gabriel, Franz

d. Southeast Europe Chief Mostertz, Walter

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- e. Finance and Cadre Chief Strei, Christian
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- f. Plans and Coordination Chief Macht, Fritz
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- g. Referent, USSR Schlueter, Werner
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- h. Referent, Finance Genz, Hilde
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- i. Hauptreferent Cadre Section Rothe, Willy
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- j. Hauptreferent, Liaison Section for Scientific Cooperation Solga, Michael
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Stroh,
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- k. Employee in Liaison Section to the Council for Mutual Economic Aid Posch, Artur
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1. [redacted] Comment: Erwin Kerber was transferred in July 1955 to the Ministry of Foreign Trade, as Deputy Minister for Trade in Heavy Industrial Products.

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2. [redacted]

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